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COLORADO FARM BREWERY AND COLORADO MALTING COMPANY TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cody Family and the Colorado Malting Company and Colorado Farm Brewery of Alamosa, Colorado for their entrepreneurial spirit.

Over 80 years ago, Ray Cody moved his family from Oklahoma to the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado and started what is now known as the Colorado Malting Company. Almost four generations later, Ray's grandson and great-grandsons now own and operate the business he created.

Ray's son Bob eventually took over the then-humble farming operation and expanded it several times. Thanks to Bob's ambition, the business entered into a contract with Coors Brewing Company, growing high country barley for one of the world's foremost breweries. Along the way, Bob also started a dairy operation with the help of his sons. For many years, the Cody's lived and farmed on Henry Road, growing barley for Coors using malting equipment they made from scratch. In the early 1970s, Bob's son Wayne took over the dairy operation.

In 1994, Wayne sold the dairy cows and focused full-time on farming Coors barley and alfalfa hay. Almost 15 years later, Wayne, with the help of his friends and family, converted the old dairy barn into a malting facility. Now, Wayne's son Jason, who was one of the founders of Colorado Malting Company, runs the day to day operations of the facility, while Wayne's sons Joshua and Bobby have played active roles in the design and growth of the company in recent years.

The Cody family's tenacity has led to many accolades, including national recognition from the New York Times. Colorado Farm Brewery is also the first in the state to have a tasting room on location at the farm.

Mr. Speaker, the success of the Colorado Malting Company and the Colorado Farm Brewery is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Cody family. Their entrepreneurial spirit has paved the way for them to become one of Colorado's premiere brewing and malting companies, and it is my honor to recognize them. I look forward to seeing what they accomplish in the years to come.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN F. GIRARD

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

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Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, on August 12, 2018 the Town of Norwich, Vermont lost a longtime member of the community, John F. Girard. He was revered for his service to the town, its school and especially its children.

I would like to include in the RECORD the eulogy delivered by Dan Fraser, a former student and lifelong friend.

In Memory of John F. Girard—Aug. 25, 2018.

It has been a rough few weeks for all of us, especially the Girard, Adams, Capps and Culverhouse families.

Mr. G. was a man I knew extremely well. The family asked me to speak some about the time when his children were growing up. The Girard and Fraser families go back almost 50 years! The first four Girards and Frasers are all the same age—Johnny—sorry John—you will always be Johnny to me and my brother John, Lauren and I, Mikey—Mike and Rob, Linsey and Mat—something in the water that year? Linsey spelled with no D and Mat spelled with only 1 T. Then my sister Jen completed out the team.

Norwich was not as large as it is today, there was no internet—some families only had one car—like both the Girards and the Frasers. We grew up in a time without daycare and Mrs. G and my Mom stayed home raising all of us kids and I would say they did a pretty darn good job!

The Girards moved here in 1966 from Somerville, MA, when Mr. G was hired to teach at the Marion Cross School. My dad returned from Vietnam in 1972. Ironically enough, it was at St. Francis of Assisi Church where our families first met—right over there behind us. Mrs. G noticed my mom as a new comer at church and that was the beginning of a lifelong friendship that continues on among our families today. Every first communion, every confirmation, every wedding and birth—our families gathered to celebrate. In addition, every Christmas Eve—the tradition was that we went to mass and then back to the Girards for dinner and an evening of fun. All of us kids would wonder what gifts we might get in the morning. Mrs. G's famous homemade eggnog, spinach squares, shrimp, and lasagna were enjoyed by all. Mr. G would entertain us all or we would sit and watch a Boston sports team play on TV—he could never contain his excitement.

When there were not holidays or celebrations, it still meant we would go to the Girards to hang out or they would come to our house. In the winter, it was sledding and building snowmen outside. During the summer it was riding our Green Machine big wheels for hours on end tormenting the old ladies around Jones Circle with all the noise they made. Green Machines—the gift from last Christmas—Mr. G put together 4 of them for us to all share. And we rode bikes on the trails—in the wooded lot behind the Girard's house before Mascoma Bank put in their parking lot and paved it. Of course there were Lou's donuts on special occasions, with 9 kids we could polish off 3 dozen pretty quick. The Girards—are simply the best—as all of us here today already know.

Calendar squares—here in this envelope are calendar squares from the 2019 calendar. If there are not enough—just pick a date sometime next year. We are all here to pay tribute and honor Mr. G. We need this tribute to carry on so on your date—you do something for some member of his family. Send a card, flowers, make a phone call, drop off a dessert, a meal, or pay a visit and share a story. All year long the Girards will be reminded of how amazing Mr. G was and he will always be remembered.

Lauren—this one is for you: Now what about the jars of peanut butter and jelly and boxes of crackers. Mr. G's favorite snack—peanut butter and jelly on crackers. Thank you to everyone who brought one of these items—Lauren they are here, as you wished—enough for all the various Girard families to take home and any extra will be donated to The Haven in his honor.

As I look out across this field, I see a crowd, some old, some young, some locals

and some with roots here who traveled from great distances. Mr. G the impact you have had on so many, the footprint you have left, the learning and life skills you so enthusiastically shared will last for generations.

How do you honor a man like Mr. G—A legend in his own time who in his lifetime already has a scoreboard in Tracy Hall, the Marion Cross School gym and a road named after him. He was the first Citizen of the Year, and here we sit at Girard field.

It is often said that it takes a village. Well Mr. G, you for over 52 years, you have been here for our village—Norwich. Today, is pay-back! The village of Norwich is here for you and the Girard family. I am so proud of how Norwich has really rallied on this one. Thank you all who helped make this happen.

We are going to start backward with the youngest first:

Linsey—as a special tribute for you and your family to honor your father: on May 8, 2019 there will be a wine tasting to support The John Girard Fund established by you and your siblings at The Norwich Rec. Dept. This will be an annual Event.

Mike—as a special tribute to you and your family to honor your father, and to tie in with your work in education as a teacher, Marion Cross School has declared Nov. 4th to be John F. Girard Day and he will be honored each year on this date. This date was not chosen at random, but we know this date has a double significance to your family.

Lauren—as the most local, as a special tribute to you and your family to honor your father—it seems fitting that Dan & Whit's will have an ice cream cone day for Mr. G. We will donate 100% of sales today to the John Girard Fund at the Norwich Rec. Dept. established by you and your siblings in his honor. A wonderful Norwich couple will match all funds raised today. Please be sure to stop after this event to support the effort. This will be a yearly event, in the future it will be held on Aug. 12, the day of his passing so that his memory lives on forever.

John—as a tribute to you and your family to honor your father—Mascoma Bank has donated a \$2,500.00 Scholarship in honor of Mr. G. This will be awarded to a graduating Hanover High School Athlete or athletes. This individual must have attended Marion Cross School.

You all know for me, it is about keeping it local—so for the extended Girard family—as a tribute to you all, the businesses in the Norwich community have also been impacted by Mr. G and the Girard Family. Aug. 12, will be Mr. Girard Day in Norwich—the following businesses will contribute and make a donation based on sales in his honor to The John Girard Fund established by his children at The Norwich Rec. Dept.

The Norwich Inn, Carpenter and Main Restaurant, Diane's Casual Cuts, the Norwich Bookstore, Dan & Whits. I have not had a chance to reach out to all Norwich businesses, so we welcome all businesses from any town to join us and participate. The intent of this day is only intended to increase the funds in John Girard Norwich Rec Dept. account, the fund established by his children—please do not turn it into anything more than the business community supporting this effort. Please reach out to me for details. This will be an annual event.

Now for the Matriarch of this wonderful family: Mrs. Cathy Girard—Mrs. G—as a special tribute to you and honor your husband—this speech will be offered to the Norwich Historical Society and more importantly read on the floor of Congress and entered into the Congressional Record in Washington, DC. Mr. G will be eternally honored at the national level. Nothing could be more fitting. Special thanks to Norwich resident and Representative Peter Welch for making this happen.